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Widening participation for younger learners

YEAH! - Year Eights Accessing Healthcare Careers

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Why this matters

- Workforce shortages
- Underrepresentation
- Aspirations formed early



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Addressing the gap

- Interventions can be too late
- Fragmented approach
- Earlier engagement needed



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What is YEAH!?

- Year Eights Accessing Healthcare



- Focus on Year 8 (12-13 year olds)
- Interactive, engaging and collaborative

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What is YEAH!?

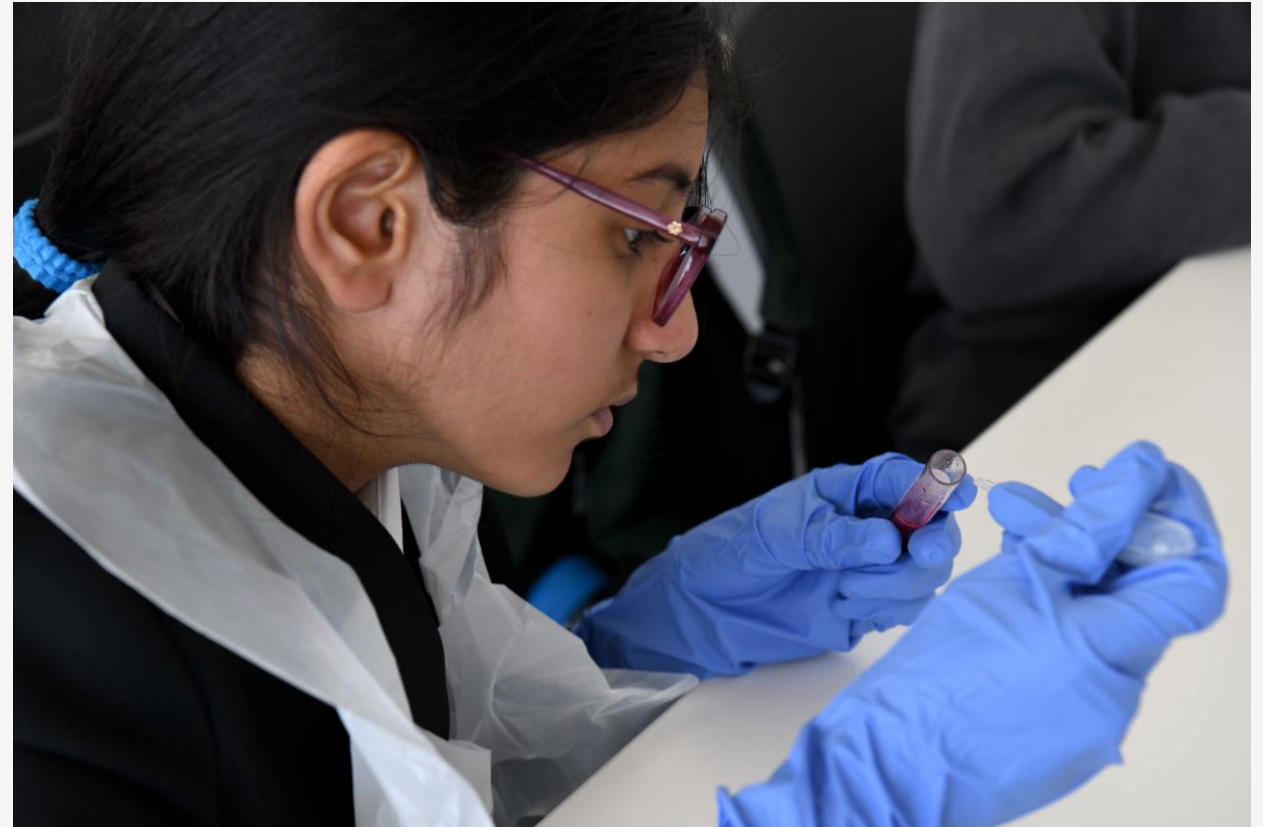
- 73 participants



- 6 schools
- Awareness, access and belonging

Evaluation and findings

- Mixed method approach
- Quantitative and qualitative data
- Strengths and challenges



Evaluation and findings

- Raised awareness and increase in confidence



↑ 17% - working
clinical setting

↑ 20% -
healthcare roles

Evaluation and findings

- Sense of belonging was nurtured



“I felt like a scientist...like I was supposed to be there”

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Next steps

- Measuring impact
- Scalability
- Continuous development



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